

## Message Text

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TAGS: EAID, GR  
SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE SITREP NO. 13

REF: THESSALONIKI 0188

1. THE STRONG TREMOR WHICH HIT AREA EARLY  
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 5, CAUSED ONE DEATH  
AND 16 INJURIES. CITY STRUCTURES SUSTAINED  
NEW DAMAGE AND CAUSED THE COLLAPSE OF THREE-  
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STORY APARTMENT BUILDING. AS FOR CONGEN,  
EXTENSIVE CRACKING AND SEPARATION OF PLASTER  
WALL COVERING HAS BECOME MORE PRONOUNCED,  
AND BRICK SEPARATION HAS OCCURED IN ONE OF  
CONSULATE' S APARTMENTS AND WILL REQUIRE  
EXTENSIVE REPAIR. THE SERIES OF FAIRLY STRONG

SHOCKS EXPERIENCED THIS WEEK HAVE CONVINCED  
LARGE NUMBER OF THESSALONIANS NOT TO REOCCUPY  
THEIR DWELLINGS FOR SOME TIME. THEIR REFUSAL TO  
RESUME NORMAL ROUTINE WAS REINFORCED WITH  
PUBLICATION IN YESTERSAY' S PRESS OF PATTERN OF  
1932-1933 EARTHQUAKE SERIES WHICH LASTED NINE  
MONTHS AND PRODUCED STRONG TREMORS THROUGH-  
OUT ENTIRE PERIOD.

2. OVER 30,000 DWELLINGS HAVE NOW BEEN INSPECTED  
IN CITY, AND NINE PER CENT RECEIVED RED NOTICES  
INDICATING THEY WERE UNSAFE FOR HABITATION.  
MEANWHILE, GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES THAT TOTAL COST  
OF EARTHQUAKE WILL BE SEVEN BILLION DRACHMAS  
(190 MILLION DOLLARS). AMERICAN AND OTHER  
SEISMOLOGISTS ARE MONITORING SEISMIGRAPHS AND  
EXPECT TO HAVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON EPICENTER  
AND BETTER PROFILE OF EARTHQUAKE SERIES IN MATTER OF  
DAYS.

3. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES  
DURING RECENT SERIES OF SCHOCKS. YESTERDAY' S  
INSPECTION OF CONGEN INDICATED THAT NO  
SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE HAS OCCURED TO  
BUILDING.  
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